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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:      Kenneth R. Owens, et al.  
Serial No.:                      09/692,884  
Filing Date:                    October 20, 2000  
Confirmation No.:               6113  
Group Art Unit:                2616  
Examiner:                        Jason E. Mattis  
Title:                            METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING AN MPLS DATA  
                                     NETWORK PROTECTION PATHWAY

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Advisory Action mailed November 16, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to reconsider the rejections to the claims and the objections to the Application.

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed November 16, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and favorable action in this Application.

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decisions of the Examiner mailed November 16, 2006 and August 22, 2006 finally rejecting the pending claims.

This application is filed on behalf of a large entity.

Attached herewith is a Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Review for consideration with this Notice of Appeal.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal. Attached herewith is a Notification of Extension of Time in support thereof.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. an amount of \$500.00 to satisfy the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

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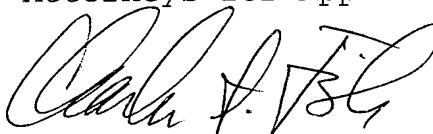
CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles S. Fish", is written over the printed name.

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